

Egremont Green Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 30, 2021, via Zoom

The meeting started at 5:12 and was recorded.

Attendees: Marj Wexler, Sharon Waskow, Emily Eyre (co-chair) Richard Allen, Pat Konecky (co-chair).

The 11/11/21 minutes were approved.

Sustainability report - no update

MVP update - Emily reported that today is the deadline for resident surveys. Response was good, about 20% return rate. Next step is during December 14, 15, and 16 via zoom when the committee will work with designated stakeholders who play various roles throughout the town.

Holiday gift status: Marj got the gift. We each owe her \$5 for the gift and some owe for last year as well. She purchased a graphic novel for a 12-year-old boy.

RE: approval for recycling-related lawn signs on the transfer station approach - Sharon reports that Mary Brazie will ask the BOS at their next meeting. We will need ideas for what the sign will say. The idea of humorous, supportive, and encouraging messages was discussed. Sharon and/or Pat will follow up with Juliette.

Discussion of potential budget request items focused on the need for funding for a mailing to the town about an expanded Egremont Recycles Day event, a few posters describing the event, and some food for the event. Sharon reported on estimates she'd received for the posters (\$45. for 6) and for a mailing of 6x9 color cards to 1500 households (\$585). It was decided that the need would be for about 900 households and that we could do with smaller cards or an 8x11 page announcement.

Richard suggested that there's a post office print option 8.5 x 11 that's inexpensive. He will investigate. Emily pointed out that postage for our 900 households would be about \$500 plus envelopes. Pat provided estimates for 4 pizzas and beverages.

It was agreed that we'd seek funds for the Egremont Recycles Day event - later in the spring not to exceed \$600. The funds would be for food and a full town mailing for the event. Richard will check on economical ways of doing the mailing so we would have specific backup for the budget request. Pat and/or Emily will complete the budget request form

Emily also noted that per her conversation with Mary Brazie we couldn't make a profit on rain barrel sales. The group decided to drop the rain barrel profit issue.

Pat described another potential event that we might pursue this year. It was suggested by Juliette, in a previous conversation, that we partner with the Greenagers, for a family-

oriented event in the spring or summer. The event could include different types of environmental education, speakers, games and more. Another potential need for money is our participation in the planned repair workshop for next spring.

Three consumer-related bills were briefly described by Richard as follow up to our discussion at the last meeting.

The amendment to the bottle bill - redemption amount goes from 5 to 10 cents, expands list of containers qualify, possibly makes the return process easier.

The right to repair electronics - This bill is similar to one last year related to auto repairs.

EPR - Extended Producer Responsibility - There are several versions of this bill.

The committee voted on a motion to write up a brief description of the bottle bill to include in the Egremont Post and possibly in the Town Newsletter offering a link for community members who want more information, as well as links for contacting our elected officials to facilitate outreach. The committee voted unanimously in support of the motion.

Sharon suggested legislative Mondays - or some other way of regular outreach to community members with information about environment-related bills. Discussion of this idea was tabled for the future.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned 6:30.

Minutes submitted by Pat Konecky